

To: Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Cc: Wharton, Steve[Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]
From: Christensen, Stanley
Sent: Wed 8/5/2015 8:27:20 PM
Subject: RE: Some additional info : mine blowout near silverton

Rich,

Thanks for the e-mails.

This project is in Steve Wharton's shop.

Stan

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura
Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan; Russo, Rebecca; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Faulk, Libby
Subject: Some additional info : mine blowout near silverton

Some additional info from DNR staff person in the email trail cut below....

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From: **Hartman - DNR, Todd** <todd.hartman@state.co.us>
Date: Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 1:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Discharge into Las Animas
To: Mark Salley - CDPHE <mark.salley@state.co.us>

Mark, have you heard anything from EPA on this. We are trying to determine who would be comms lead. Our understanding is that this is an EPA location.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brannon - DNR, Ginny** <ginny.brannon@state.co.us>

Date: Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 12:47 PM

Subject: Discharge into Las Animas

To: Mike King - DNR <mike.king@state.co.us>, Robert Randall - DNR

<robert.randall@state.co.us>, Todd Hartman - DNR <todd.hartman@state.co.us>

EPA's response team was working on rehabilitating a portal at the Gold King Mine near Silverton this morning and a plug blew that discharged hundreds of thousands of gallons water contaminated with heavy metals and debris, the volume of which is approximately 20 to 30 feet deep, into Upper Cement Creek. The heavy metals include iron, zinc and copper. We estimate the water will hit the confluence with Las Animas in the next 10-15 minutes and flow through Silverton.

From: Mylott, Richard

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:01 PM

To: Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura

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Importance: High

FYI. Mark Salley, PIO at CDPHE just called about a significant mine blowout at the Gold King mine near Silverton that has or is expected to send a large volume of water/heavy metals through Cement Creek and the Animas, affecting Silverton and downstream. I have no details beyond Mark's vm, but Mark seems to think this would be our lead in terms of a response and notifying downstream water users, intakes etc. Not sure that conclusion necessarily makes sense to me but

we should discuss... I'll let you know if I receive additional info. Please share if you have info as well.

Rich

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